that the strip (10) extends in the longitudinal direction of the article over the entire or at least an essential part of the length of the article.

6. (Amended) Absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, characterized in, that the strip (10) extends in the transverse direction of the article and is applied at a part of the article that is intended to form a folding line in the folded packaging position of the article.

7. (Amended) Absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, characterized in, that the width of the strip (10) is between 1 and 8 cm, preferably between 2 and 7 cm and more preferably between 3 and 6 cm.

8. (Amended) Absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that on or adjacent the strip (10) there is further printed symbols (11), codes or the like which indicate the product type, size, absorption capacity or the like of the article.